Release of Foodgrains to Rajasthan under N.R.E.P. and R.L.E.G.P.

1841. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains released under the National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme to the State of Rajasthan during the current year so far; and

(b) the quantity to be released to the State during the remaining pe riod of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) A quantity of 9590 MTs of foodgrains under National Rural Employment Programme and 9515 MTs under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme has been released to Rajasthan so far for the first two quarters of the current year. Equivalent quantities are likely to be released to them for the remaining two quarters.

Special Foodgrains Production Programme in Orissa

1842. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special foodgrains production programme has been launched to give a boost to the agricultural production in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the names of the districts selected for this purpose and the main crops proposed to be undertaken under the programme and to what extent foodgrains production is likely to increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Districts of Balasore, Cuttack, Puri Sambalpur and Ganjam have been selected for the implementation of Special Foodgrains Production Programme in Orissa State. The focus is on rice as it is the major foodgrain crop. During 1988-89, a production of 74.41 lakh tonnes of foodgrains in envisaged, against the so far highest production of 70.16 (1983-84) lakh tonnes.

Research Station by Pepsi Joint Venture

1843. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Agro-Pepsi joint venture is putting up a Research station;

(b) how many persons from the various Government Research Organisation will be on the governing body, to keep a watch on what research is being done; and

(c) what is the annual budgeted expenditure of this Research Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Governing Body has not yet been constituted.

(c) Total capital expenditure of Rs. 0.59 crores and operating expenses of Rs. 1,05 crores over a period of 5 years.

Loss to NCCF in Import of Wet Dates

1844. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2296 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) the name of the officer responsible for accepting the cheque of Rs. 3.20 lacs from the suppliers instead of Bank Guarantee/Draft;

(b) whether the cheque was forwarded to the Accounts Division in time;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action has been taken to recover the amount of Rs. 3.20 lacs

from the guilty officers; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The then Chief Manager (Import & Export) was found responsible for accepting the cheque.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The cheque was received with a forwarding letter dated 22nd October, 1983 and was sent to the Accounts Division in NCCF on 23|12|83 for presentation to the bank which was, however, returned

(d) The NCCF had, terminated the services of the then Chief Manager (I&E) who was found responsible for bouncing of the cheque.

Investigation of NCCF Cases by CBI

1845. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2424 on 14.8.87 in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) what action has been taken to recover the amount of Rs. 2 lacs from the guilty officer;

(b) whether it is necessary to refer the case to the CBI for investigation when the case, as admitted, has already been investigated by the Vigilance and clear report identifying the guilty officer was submitted;

(c) whether NCCF has considered this aspect for initiating action against the guilty officer; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken/ proposed to be taken against the guilty officer?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (d) As indicated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2424 on 14-8-1987 the case was referred to CBI for investigation. However, the CBI returned the case suggesting that this may be enquired into departmentally. The NCCF, therefore, initiated fresh vigilance enquiries into the matter which have now been completed. The report is being processed for taking further action against the officer(s) involved.

Upgradation of AIR Station, Hyderabad

1846. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for upgradation of All India Radio Station, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be upgraded; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The likely date of their completion and the funds allocate for the schemes for Hyderabad are as follows:—

(In lakhs)

	Rs.
(i) Upgradation of existing 1KW MW to 3 KW FM transmitter by 1989-90	59.45
(ii) Upgradation of existing 10 KW SW transmitter to 50 KW SW during VIIIth Plan	265.20
(iii) Permanent Type IV Studios during VIIIth Plan	235.00